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Letter dated 19 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to express my profound concern regarding the latest actions of the Rassemblement congolais pour la démocratie (RCD/GOMA), which has levied new taxes in foreign currency and has devised new registration plates which are recognized, as if by chance, solely in Rwanda.

My Government regrets that, at a time when the Congolese people are meeting to engage in a dialogue in South Africa, RCD/GOMA — which is nothing but a primitive rebel movement whose existence depends solely on the will of its creator, namely, the regime in power in Rwanda — considers that it has the right to arrogate to itself the attributes of sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

My Government urges the Security Council to condemn, and to do its utmost to bring to an end, this criminal and irresponsible conduct of the leaders of RCD/GOMA designed to usurp the prerogatives of the Congolese State.

My Government also calls on the Security Council to insist that the leaders of RCD/GOMA instead devote their efforts to the negotiations aimed at concluding an inclusive agreement for transition in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lastly, in order to ensure that these tendencies to pursue new forms of piracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are brought to an end, my Government wishes to call the attention of the Security Council to the urgent need to complete phase III of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including its deployment in the eastern part of the country.

My Government requests you to have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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